

Third Way Frequency Questionnaire

July 21-24, 2008
800 Registered Voters
 734 Likely Voters

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	100	100
No	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)		

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2004 election for president between George Bush and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Likely Voters
Voted	89	92
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/Too young	4	4
Did not vote	6	5
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1	0
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:VOTE00)		

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for president in November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Likely Voters
Almost certain	86	94
Probably	6	6
50-50	5	-
Will not vote	1	-
(Don't know)	1	-
(Refused)	0	-
(ref:CP3)		

Q.7 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Likely Voters
Right direction.....	16	17
Wrong track	76	75
(Don't know/refused).....	7	8
Right - Wrong	-60	-59
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total	Likely Voters
Strongly approve	14	14
Somewhat approve.....	19	19
Somewhat disapprove	13	12
Strongly disapprove	49	49
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5
Total approve	33	34
Total disapprove	62	62
Approve - disapprove	-29	-28
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

Q.9 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
9 The Republican Party	44	34	45	98
Likely Voters	44	35	46	99
10 The Democratic Party	51	42	37	98
Likely Voters	51	43	38	99
11 George W. Bush	37	30	55	98
Likely Voters	37	31	55	99
12 Barack Obama	52	45	37	97
Likely Voters	53	48	35	98
13 John McCain	49	42	36	97
Likely Voters	49	43	37	98
(ref:THERM04)				

Q.14 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election for president in November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Likely Voters
Democrat Barack Obama	42	44
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	4	4
Republican John McCain.....	42	41
Lean Republican John McCain.....	4	3
(Other candidate).....	2	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	4	3
(Refused).....	2	2
Total Democrat Barack Obama	46	47
Total Republican John McCain	45	44
Total (Other candidate)	3	3

(ref:PRES083)

Q.16 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Likely Voters
Fair chance	6	6
A small chance	7	6
Very slight chance	9	9
No chance at all.....	31	30
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1
Obama Supporter	46	47

(ref:VCSOM1)

Q.17 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support Republican John McCain in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Likely Voters
Fair chance	7	7
A small chance	8	8
Very slight chance	8	8
No chance at all.....	30	32
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
McCain Supporter	45	44

(ref:VCSOM2)

Q.18 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election for U.S. Congress in November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic House Candidate) or (Republican House Candidate)?¹

	Total	Likely Voters
Democratic House candidate.....	42	42
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	6	6
Republican House candidate.....	37	38
Lean Republican House candidate.....	4	4
(Other candidate).....	2	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	1
(Undecided)	5	5
(Refused)	2	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	49	49
Total Republican House candidate.....	42	42
Total (Other candidate)	3	3

(ref:CONG06)

[392 Respondents]

Q.20 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
20 Keeping America strong	26	12	19	24	2	3	13	38	43	-4
Likely Voters.....	27	11	18	25	3	3	12	38	43	-5
21 Homeland security	21	15	17	26	2	4	14	37	43	-7
Likely Voters.....	22	15	16	27	2	4	13	37	44	-7
22 Foreign policy.....	28	17	19	20	0	2	13	45	39	6
Likely Voters.....	28	17	19	21	0	2	13	45	40	5
23 National security	20	15	19	30	2	3	11	35	49	-14
Likely Voters.....	20	14	19	31	2	3	11	34	50	-16
24 The situation in Iraq	28	19	11	25	0	4	13	47	36	11
Likely Voters.....	28	19	11	26	0	4	13	46	37	9
25 Reducing our dependence on foreign oil.....	28	17	15	17	1	8	14	45	32	13
Likely Voters.....	28	16	16	17	0	8	15	44	33	11

¹ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
26 Combating terrorism	17	16	19	29	2	4	13	33	48	-15
Likely Voters	16	15	19	31	2	4	13	31	50	-19
27 Ensuring a strong military.....	16	11	19	38	2	2	12	27	57	-30
Likely Voters	16	9	20	40	1	2	12	26	59	-34

(ref:BETJOB)

[395 Respondents]

Q.28 (SPLIT B) Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or John McCain would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BO Much Btrr	BO Smwt Btrr	JM Smwt Btrr	JM Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
28 Keeping America strong	25	15	14	31	3	2	10	40	45	-5
Likely Voters	26	15	14	33	2	1	9	41	47	-5
29 Homeland security	18	17	17	36	3	1	9	35	53	-18
Likely Voters	20	18	14	37	2	1	8	37	51	-14
30 Foreign policy.....	26	19	14	32	1	1	6	45	46	-1
Likely Voters	27	20	11	33	1	1	6	48	44	4
31 National security	20	12	22	36	2	1	7	33	58	-25
Likely Voters	21	13	20	37	2	0	6	34	57	-23
32 The situation in Iraq	31	14	13	33	1	1	7	44	46	-2
Likely Voters	32	14	12	34	1	1	6	46	46	0
33 Reducing our dependence on foreign oil.....	28	21	11	21	1	5	14	49	31	18
Likely Voters	28	21	11	22	1	5	13	49	33	16
34 Combating terrorism	19	13	16	37	2	2	11	32	53	-21
Likely Voters	20	14	15	37	2	1	10	35	52	-17
35 Ensuring a strong military.....	13	11	19	49	2	0	7	24	67	-44
Likely Voters	14	11	18	48	2	0	6	25	66	-41

(ref:BTJOBPRZ)

[395 Respondents]

Q.36 (SPLIT B) Now I'd like to ask you which party you associate more with these terms when it comes to national security, the Democrats or Republicans.

	Dems Much More	Dems Smwt More	Reps Smwt More	Reps Much More	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
36 Not decisive enough in a crisis.....	24	24	14	14	4	5	15	47	29	19
Likely Voters.....	24	25	13	14	4	5	15	49	27	21
37 Reckless	17	11	16	29	3	9	16	28	44	-16
Likely Voters.....	18	11	14	29	3	9	16	29	43	-14
38 Patriotic.....	16	12	16	24	19	4	10	27	40	-13
Likely Voters.....	15	12	16	25	18	4	10	27	41	-14
39 Tough.....	12	12	27	28	2	5	14	24	55	-31
Likely Voters.....	11	11	27	30	2	5	13	22	57	-35
40 Out of touch	17	14	13	33	9	4	10	31	46	-15
Likely Voters.....	19	14	12	34	7	4	9	33	46	-14
41 Too hesitant to use force	26	32	9	13	2	6	12	58	22	36
Likely Voters.....	27	32	9	13	2	6	12	59	21	37
42 Pursue foreign policies that benefit average Americans	27	22	16	16	4	5	10	49	32	17
Likely Voters.....	29	20	17	17	4	6	9	49	33	15
43 Use diplomacy effectively	32	18	14	16	4	4	11	50	30	20
Likely Voters.....	32	18	14	17	4	4	11	50	31	19
44 Too focused on public opinion	24	27	11	14	10	3	11	51	25	26
Likely Voters.....	25	27	11	14	10	4	10	52	25	27
45 World view stuck in the past	13	14	19	28	4	3	18	27	47	-21
Likely Voters.....	12	14	20	28	4	3	19	26	48	-22

(ref:DEMREP)

[392 Respondents]

Q.46 (SPLIT A) Now I'd like to ask you who you associate more with these terms when it comes to national security, Senator Barack Obama or Senator John McCain.

	BO Much More	BO Smwt More	JM Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
46 Would not be decisive enough in a crisis	25	26	10	12	4	10	12	51	22	29
Likely Voters.....	25	26	9	13	5	10	12	51	22	29
47 Reckless	18	14	13	18	1	18	17	33	31	2
Likely Voters.....	19	14	13	18	1	18	17	33	31	2
48 Patriotic	13	5	13	40	17	3	9	18	53	-35
Likely Voters.....	14	5	14	38	17	2	9	19	53	-34
49 Tough.....	12	10	22	37	4	4	10	22	59	-37
Likely Voters.....	13	9	23	37	4	3	9	23	60	-37
50 Out of touch	21	13	20	20	4	9	13	35	40	-5
Likely Voters.....	21	14	20	21	4	9	12	34	41	-6
51 Would be too hesitant to use force	28	30	11	8	2	9	12	58	19	39
Likely Voters.....	29	30	11	7	1	10	12	59	18	41
52 Would pursue foreign policies that benefit average Americans	31	17	15	22	3	2	11	48	36	12
Likely Voters.....	32	17	15	21	3	2	10	49	36	13
53 Use diplomacy effectively	30	18	20	17	4	2	8	48	37	10
Likely Voters.....	31	18	20	17	5	2	8	49	37	12
54 Would be too focused on public opinion	30	21	11	12	6	8	12	52	23	29
Likely Voters.....	30	21	10	13	7	7	12	51	23	28
55 World view stuck in the past	12	8	22	25	1	11	21	20	47	-28
Likely Voters.....	12	8	20	27	1	12	21	20	47	-26

(ref:BHOJSM)

Q.56 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[392 Respondents]										
56 (SPLIT A) I'm more concerned that the Democrats will leave Iraq too quickly.										
OR										
I'm more concerned that the Republicans will wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq.....	36	8	7	42	1	3	2	44	49	-5
Likely Voters.....	37	8	7	42	1	3	2	45	49	-4

[395 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT B) I would be more worried about John McCain as president being too willing to use military force abroad.

OR

I would be more worried about Barack Obama as president being too reluctant to use military force abroad.....

.....	33	11	12	38	1	2	3	45	50	-5
Likely Voters.....	35	12	11	37	1	2	3	47	47	0

[395 Respondents]

58 (SPLIT B) As President, John McCain would mostly continue the national security and foreign policies of President Bush.

OR

As President, John McCain would mostly bring a different approach than President Bush to our national security and foreign policies.....

.....	42	13	15	23	-	1	5	55	39	16
Likely Voters.....	44	13	14	23	-	1	5	57	37	20

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[392 Respondents]										
59 (SPLIT A) If Democrats win the White House and control Congress, the bigger danger is that they would get out of Iraq too quickly.										
OR										
If Democrats win the White House and control Congress, the bigger danger is that they would not get out of Iraq quickly enough.										
	43	17	15	10	-	8	8	60	25	36
Likely Voters	44	17	14	9	-	8	8	61	24	37

60 The decision in 2006 to have a surge of American troops in Iraq has failed to produce real positive results										
OR										
The decision in 2006 to have a surge in American troops in Iraq has produced real positive results										
	29	11	16	36	0	2	5	40	52	-12
Likely Voters	28	11	16	38	0	2	5	39	53	-14

(ref:VALUES06)

Q.61 Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, or never be justified?

	Total	Likely Voters
Often justified	16	17
Sometimes justified	43	42
Never justified	37	37
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4

(ref:TORTURE)

[400 Respondents]

Q.62 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read a list of things some people say show that the Republican party and its leaders are reckless on national security. Regardless of how you feel about the Republican Party in general, please tell me which TWO of the following most suggest that the Republican Party is reckless on national security.

	Total	Likely Voters
Failure to reduce foreign oil dependence	39	40
Failure to capture bin Laden	28	29
Overstretching our military	24	22
The war in Iraq.....	22	22
Eagerness to attack Iran.....	19	19
Go-it-alone mentality	14	14
Refusal to talk to our enemies	12	12
(All)	5	5
(None).....	7	7
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6
(No second choice).....	4	4

(ref:RECKPT)

[400 Respondents]

Q.63 (SPLIT B) Now I am going to read a list of things some people say show that the Republican Party and its leaders are out of touch on national security. Regardless of how you feel about the Republican Party in general, please tell me which TWO of the following most suggest that the Republican Party is out of touch on national security?

	Total	Likely Voters
Refused to admit mistakes in Iraq	42	43
Don't listen to the public.....	31	30
Ignore needs of our troops and veterans.....	27	26
Foreign policies help big interests, not average Americans.....	26	28
Don't face facts in Iraq	19	17
World view stuck in Cold War thinking.....	15	15
(All)	6	6
(None).....	6	6
(Don't know/refused).....	7	7
(No second choice).....	3	3

(ref:TOUCHPT)

Q.64 Now I am going to read a list of things some people say show that the Democratic Party and its leaders are weak on national security. Regardless of how you feel about the Democratic Party in general, please tell me which TWO of the following most suggest that the Democratic Party is weak on national security?

	Total	Likely Voters
Change positions depending on public opinion	33	33
Want to pull out of Iraq	25	24
Clinton failure to confront terrorism.....	25	25
Frequently cut defense budgets	23	23
Oppose monitoring terrorist phone calls.....	18	18
Want to negotiate with hostile regimes.....	15	15
Opposition to both Iraq wars.....	12	12
(All)	4	4
(None).....	7	8
(No second choice).....	5	5
(Don't know/refuse).....	11	11

(ref:MCPOS1)

Q.65 Now I am going to read a list of actions some people say would show that the Democratic Party is getting tougher on national security. Regardless of how you feel about the Democratic Party in general, please tell me which TWO you think would convince you that the Democratic Party is getting tougher on national security

	Total	Likely Voters
Offer bold steps to reduce foreign oil dependence	35	36
Take new steps to stop terrorists from getting nuclear material.....	29	30
Boost troop strength in Afghanistan to fight al Qaeda	23	23
Strengthen America's alliances	22	22
Propose tighter sanctions on Iran's nuclear program	21	21
Support striking terrorist targets in Pakistan.....	17	17
Support expanding the military and special forces	16	16
(All)	2	2
(None).....	7	7
(No second choice).....	4	4
(Don't know/refused).....	8	7

(ref:DEMTOUGH)

Q.66 Let me read you a series of statements Republicans might make about Democrats. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Democrats.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
66 Republicans say: Democrats are not strong and decisive enough. Democrats hesitated to confront Saddam under President Clinton. Now they want to run up the white flag of surrender by pulling out of Iraq, giving terrorists a victory, and risking vital US interests.	18	26	22	30	3	45	52
Likely Voters	18	25	21	31	3	44	53

[392 Respondents]

67 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: Democrats are too willing to coddle dangerous regimes and dictators. The Democrats would open talks with Iran's leaders even if they continue their nuclear weapons program and their support of terrorist groups.	16	30	23	24	7	46	47
Likely Voters	15	29	23	26	7	44	48

[392 Respondents]

68 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: Democrats don't stand up for our troops. They oppose funding a stronger military, want to pull troops out of Iraq without supporting their mission, and repeatedly vote to cut off funds for Iraq while our troops are still in harm's way.	20	30	21	25	4	50	46
Likely Voters	19	29	21	26	4	49	47

[395 Respondents]

69 (SPLIT B) Republicans say: Democrats have no plan to keep America safe. They criticize our generals' conduct of the war in Iraq and the war on terror, mostly to score political points. They do not offer a strategy for strengthening our defenses or defeating the terrorists.	16	26	25	31	3	42	55
Likely Voters	16	26	25	30	3	42	55

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[395 Respondents]							
70 (SPLIT B) Republicans say: Democrats care too much about what the polls say, rather than just doing the right thing on national security. They were for the Iraq War when it was popular, but now they have turned against it when things got more difficult.....	12	27	22	36	3	39	58
Likely Voters	12	27	20	36	4	39	57

[395 Respondents]

71 (SPLIT B) Republicans say: Barack Obama is too willing to coddle dangerous regimes and dictators. Obama would open talks with Iran's leaders even if they continue their nuclear weapons program and their support of terrorist groups.....	19	24	22	32	3	43	54
Likely Voters	20	23	20	34	3	43	54

[392 Respondents]

72 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: Barack Obama does not have the experience to be commander in chief. He never served in the military and has almost no exposure to international affairs. When America is at war and under threat, we cannot afford a president who needs on-the-job training.....	24	23	21	29	3	48	50
Likely Voters	23	24	21	30	3	47	51

(ref:DEMDBT)

Q.73 Let me read you a series of statements Democrats might make about Republicans. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Republicans.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[392 Respondents]							
73 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: Republicans compromised America's values, such as with torture at Abu Ghraib, warrantless wiretapping of Americans, and suspending due process at the Guantanamo Bay prison. This hurt our standing abroad and undermined our security.	15	29	24	25	7	44	50
Likely Voters	15	29	24	26	6	44	50

[395 Respondents]							
74 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: The Republicans failed to make us safe. Their mismanagement of the Iraq war drove new recruits to the terrorists while stretching our own military to the breaking point. They let Osama bin Laden escape and increased our dependence on foreign oil.....	25	29	20	23	3	54	43
Likely Voters	25	27	20	24	3	53	44

[392 Respondents]							
75 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: The Republicans believe America should go-it-alone. They went into Iraq with virtually no support from our allies, so American troops and taxpayers had to bear virtually all the risk and cost.	19	30	25	23	3	48	49
Likely Voters	18	30	26	23	3	48	49

[395 Respondents]							
76 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: On national security, Republicans are out of touch. They didn't see things going off course in Iraq, and they don't realize how their foreign policies are taking a toll at home, in terms of gas prices, outsourcing, and mounting debts.	23	33	21	19	4	55	41
Likely Voters	23	32	22	20	3	54	42

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[395 Respondents]							
77 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: Republicans talk tough, but are reckless. They invaded Iraq without a real plan, dangerously overstretched our military, and made us even more dependent on oil from hostile regimes. Now they plan on attacking Iran with no real plan there.	27	31	19	20	3	58	39
Likely Voters	27	30	21	20	2	57	41
[392 Respondents]							
78 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: Republicans don't get the job done on national security. They still haven't caught Osama bin Laden, didn't finish the job in Afghanistan, and Iran is closer today to obtaining a nuclear weapon than eight years ago.	15	33	28	20	4	48	48
Likely Voters	15	33	28	21	4	48	49
[392 Respondents]							
79 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: Republicans are ignoring the American people on national security. The public sent a clear message in 2006 that they wanted a change of course in Iraq, but Bush and the Republicans instead ignored the public and even increased our troop presence.	14	27	26	29	4	41	56
Likely Voters	14	24	27	30	4	39	58
[395 Respondents]							
80 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: John McCain is committed to continuing the same reckless Bush policies in Iraq that cost us thousands of lives and over a trillion dollars. He even says he would be willing to keep our troops in Iraq for, quote, another hundred years.	29	27	17	25	2	56	42
Likely Voters	29	26	17	26	2	55	43
(ref:GOPDBT)							

[394 Respondents]

Q.81 (SPLIT G) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements from Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain. As I read them, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

Barack Obama says: *We cannot afford the reckless and out of touch national security policies of the Bush years that have left us stuck in Iraq, with our military overextended, and gas prices soaring. John McCain was Bush's biggest supporter on Iraq and says he is willing to keep our troops there for 100 years. It is time for a national security agenda that is tough and smart. I will redeploy our combat troops out of Iraq so we can strengthen our efforts against bin Laden and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan, rebuild our military, and pursue a new energy policy to reduce dependence on foreign oil.*

John McCain says: *Having served this country, I know how important our security is. Barack Obama seems hesitant to stand up for America. He would embrace dictators in Iran and North Korea, and run up the white flag of surrender in Iraq, pulling out our troops, handing al Qaeda a victory, and endangering our vital interests. I was the leading supporter of the surge, which is now succeeding, and I will press for victory in Iraq. I will also strengthen our military, restructure our intelligence agencies, and build missile defenses to protect us from rogue regimes like Iran.*

	Total	Likely Voters
Obama statement, Strongly	36	38
Obama statement, Somewhat	13	13
McCain statement, Somewhat.....	16	14
McCain statement, Strongly.....	28	28
(Both).....	2	2
(Neither).....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Total Obama	49	51
Total McCain	44	42
(ref:HEAD1)		

[393 Respondents]

Q.82 (SPLIT H) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements from a Democratic candidate and a Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress. As I read them, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

The Democratic candidate says: *We cannot afford to continue the reckless and out of touch national security policies of the Bush years that left us stuck in a civil war in Iraq, with Osama bin Laden still at large, an overextended military, and soaring gas prices. It is time for a national security agenda that is tough and smart. I will support redeploying combat forces from Iraq to Afghanistan to take the fight to the terrorists where they live, expanding the U.S. Army, Marines, and special forces by 100,000 troops, and pursuing a new energy policy, including alternative sources, to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.*

The Republican candidate says: *With terrorists still threatening America, we cannot afford weak and indecisive national security policies. Democrats have opposed giving our security officials the surveillance tools they need to fight terrorists, and they would run up the white flag of surrender in Iraq, pulling out our troops, handing al Qaeda a victory, and endangering our vital interests. Along with other Republicans, I will press for victory in Iraq, support budgets that strengthen our military, and support missile defenses to protect us from rogue regimes like Iran.*

	Total	Likely Voters
Democratic statement strongly	38	38
Democratic statement somewhat	16	17
Republican statement somewhat.....	16	15
Republican statement strongly	22	23
(Both).....	2	2
(Neither).....	1	1
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4
Total Democratic statement.....	54	54
Total Republican statement.....	38	38

(ref:HEAD3)

Q.83 Now let me ask you again, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Likely Voters
Democrat Barack Obama	45	47
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1	1
Republican John McCain.....	43	43
Lean Republican John McCain.....	3	2
(Other candidate).....	2	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	4	3
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama	46	48
Total Republican John McCain	46	45
Total (Other candidate)	3	2

(ref:BOVJM1)

Q.85 Now I would like to ask you again about the election for U.S. Congress in November. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for-- would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total	Likely Voters
Democratic House candidate.....	46	47
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	2	2
Republican House candidate.....	42	42
Lean Republican House candidate.....	2	2
(Other candidate).....	2	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	4	3
(Refused).....	2	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	49	49
Total Republican House candidate.....	44	44
Total (Other candidate)	2	2

(ref:CONG08RV)

² For each district, the candidates' names were inserted.

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Q.87 (SPLIT A) Now let me ask you again. Overall, do you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
87 Foreign policy.....	27	18	17	25	1	1	10	46	42	3
Likely Voters.....	28	18	16	27	0	1	9	46	43	2
88 National security	21	16	22	29	1	1	9	38	51	-13
Likely Voters.....	20	16	21	30	1	2	9	37	51	-15

(ref:REBETJOB)

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Q.89 (SPLIT B) Now let me ask you again. Overall, do you think Barack Obama or John McCain would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BO Much Bttr	BO Smwt Bttr	JM Smwt Bttr	JM Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
89 Foreign policy.....	29	17	15	31	0	1	7	46	45	0
Likely Voters.....	30	18	14	31	0	1	6	48	45	3
90 National security	21	13	21	35	1	1	8	34	56	-23
Likely Voters.....	22	13	19	36	1	1	7	35	55	-20

(ref:REBTPRZ)

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Q.91 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read you a set of statements about U.S. policy in Iraq. Let's start with statements from Democrats. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you feel more or less confident about the Democrats on national security.

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
91 (SPLIT C) Democrats say: We are spending \$2 billion a week in Iraq. We are opening new firehouses in Baghdad, while we are closing them in America. It is time to end this war, so that we can focus on addressing the urgent needs we have here at home.....	41	26	13	19	1	0	1	66	32	34
Likely Voters.....	39	26	13	21	1	-	1	65	34	31

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[194 Respondents]										
92 (SPLIT D) Democrats say: Even after 4,000 Americans killed in Iraq, and nearly 30,000 wounded, Iraq's factions refuse to make peace with each other. It's wrong to ask our troops to risk their lives in a civil war, with no end in sight. To support our troops, we should bring them home.	27	25	17	22	1	1	8	51	38	13
Likely Voters.....	27	24	16	22	2	1	8	51	38	12

[196 Respondents]										
93 (SPLIT C) Democrats say: While President Bush has been preoccupied with Iraq, Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda regrouped on the Afghan border. We should redeploy more U.S. forces from Iraq to Afghanistan so we can track down bin Laden and destroy al Qaeda once and for all.	36	31	13	15	1	1	3	67	28	39
Likely Voters.....	35	33	13	15	1	0	3	68	28	40

[194 Respondents]										
94 (SPLIT D) Democrats say: The war in Iraq has stretched our military to a breaking point, and left us with too few ready forces to track down bin Laden in Afghanistan or respond to new emergencies in other regions. We need to reduce our force level in Iraq so we can restore our military readiness and fighting power.....	26	27	19	19	1	2	6	54	38	15
Likely Voters.....	27	27	20	18	1	1	5	54	38	16

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[194 Respondents]										
95 (SPLIT D) Democrats										
say: We have a comprehensive plan to protect America's security interests in the Middle East. It includes a reduced troop presence in Iraq, but more troops in Afghanistan to hunt down Osama bin Laden, and new sanctions against Iran's nuclear program.....										
	20	35	18	15	1	3	10	55	32	22
Likely Voters.....	21	34	17	15	1	2	10	55	32	23

[196 Respondents]										
96 (SPLIT C) Democrats										
say: We have a plan for stability in Iraq as we reduce our military presence. We will press the Iraqi government to build up their forces and push the Iraqi factions to reconcile. We will keep sufficient U.S. troops to train Iraqi forces and pursue terrorists like al Qaeda.										
	32	34	15	14	1	0	3	66	29	36
Likely Voters.....	31	34	15	15	1	-	3	65	30	35
(ref:IRAQPLA)										

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Q.97 (SPLIT B) Now I am going to read you a set of statements about U.S. policy in Iraq. Let's start with statements from Democrats. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you more or less likely to support the Democrats.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[187 Respondents]										
97 (SPLIT E) Democrats say: We are spending \$2 billion a week in Iraq. We are opening new firehouses in Baghdad, while we are closing them in America. It is time to end this war, so that we can focus on addressing the urgent needs we have here at home.....	40	19	14	19	3	0	4	59	34	25
Likely Voters.....	40	18	14	20	4	0	3	58	35	23

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98 (SPLIT F) Democrats say: Even after 4,000 Americans killed in Iraq, and nearly 30,000 wounded, Iraq's factions refuse to make peace with each other. It's wrong to ask our troops to risk their lives in a civil war, with no end in sight. To support our troops, we should

bring them home.	34	18	17	25	1	0	3	53	42	10
Likely Voters.....	33	18	17	27	1	0	3	51	44	7

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99 (SPLIT E) Democrats say: While President Bush has been preoccupied with Iraq, Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda regrouped on the Afghan border. We should redeploy more U.S. forces from Iraq to Afghanistan so we can track down bin Laden and destroy al Qaeda once

and for all.	31	29	13	17	4	1	4	60	30	30
Likely Voters.....	28	31	13	17	5	2	4	59	30	29

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[208 Respondents]										
100 (SPLIT F) Democrats say: The war in Iraq has stretched our military to a breaking point, and left us with too few ready forces to track down bin Laden in Afghanistan or respond to new emergencies in other regions. We need to reduce our force level in Iraq so we can restore our military readiness and fighting power.....	34	23	22	18	1	1	2	57	39	18
Likely Voters.....	33	24	22	18	1	1	1	57	40	17

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[208 Respondents]										
101 (SPLIT F) Democrats say: We have a comprehensive plan to protect America's security interests in the Middle East. It includes a reduced troop presence in Iraq, but more troops in Afghanistan to hunt down Osama bin Laden, and new sanctions against Iran's nuclear program.....	31	31	19	13	2	-	4	62	32	30
Likely Voters.....	32	31	17	14	2	-	4	63	31	33

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[187 Respondents]										
102 (SPLIT E) Democrats say: We have a plan for stability in Iraq as we reduce our military presence. We will press the Iraqi government to build up their forces and push the Iraqi factions to reconcile. We will keep sufficient U.S. troops to train Iraqi forces and pursue terrorists like al Qaeda.	29	34	15	17	2	-	3	63	32	31
Likely Voters..... (ref:IRAQPLA2)	27	35	13	18	2	-	4	63	32	31

Q.103 How closely do you follow international relations and the foreign affairs of the United States -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

	Total	Likely Voters
Very closely	29	30
Somewhat closely.....	52	53
Not very closely	13	12
Not at all closely	5	5
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
Total Closely	81	82
Total Not closely	19	17
(ref:EVENTS)		

Q.104 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Likely Voters
1 - 11th grade	4	4
High School graduate	24	23
Non-college post H.S.....	1	1
Some college.....	27	27
College graduate	29	31
Post-graduate school.....	14	15
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.105 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs	10	11
Household member	8	9
No member belongs	81	79
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Union Household	18	19
(ref:UNION)		

Q.106 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters
Married	62	64
Single.....	18	18
Separated/Divorced	11	10
Widowed.....	9	8
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	20	18
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.107 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	33	33
No	67	66
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0
(ref:KIDS)		

Q.108 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters
Strong Democrat	26	27
Weak Democrat	14	14
Independent-lean Democrat	11	10
Independent.....	6	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	10	10
Weak Republican	11	11
Strong Republican	21	22
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.111 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters
Liberal.....	22	22
Moderate	37	37
Conservative.....	38	39
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2
(ref:IDEO1)		

Q.112 What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

	Total	Likely Voters
Protestant	46	47
Roman Catholic	21	21
Christian	6	6
Jewish.....	2	2
Atheist.....	2	2
Agnostic.....	2	2
Mormon	1	1
Orthodox.....	1	1
Muslim	1	1
Something else	4	3
Nothing in particular.....	11	11
(Unitarian).....	0	0
(Don't Know/Refused).....	3	4
(ref:RELIGTW)		

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Q.113 (IF CHRISTIAN): Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes, would	43	43
No, would not.....	52	53
(Don't know/refused).....	5	4
(ref:RELIGTW2)		

[714 Respondents]

Q.114 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Likely Voters
Democrat John Kerry.....	45	44
Republican George Bush.....	48	49
(Ralph Nader)	0	0
(Other candidate).....	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5
(ref:VOTE2004)		

Q.115 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in November 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Likely Voters
Voted	78	80
Did not vote	20	18
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	2
(Refused)	0	0
(ref:VOTE06)		

[626 Respondents]

Q.116 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 House Democrat) or (2006 House Republican)?

	Total	Likely Voters
2006 House Democrat.....	44	45
2006 House Republican	41	41
(Other candidate).....	5	5
(Don't know/Refused)	10	9
(ref:VOTE2006)		

Q.117 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters
White	77	76
African-American or Black	11	11
Hispanic or Latino	6	6
Native American	1	1
Asian.....	1	1
(Other)	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

[46 Respondents]

Q.119 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO IN RACETHN OR IF YES IN RACETHN2) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country?

	Total	Likely Voters
Mexican	39	35
Puerto Rican	14	14
Cuban	12	13
Dominican.....	3	3
Salvadoran	-	-
Other: Central America	3	3
Other: South America	2	2
Other.....	27	29
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-
(ref:ORIGIN08)		

Q.120 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total	Likely Voters
None	60	60
1-2	14	14
3-9	13	13
10 or more	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	9	9
(ref:GUNS)		

Q.121 Are you serving or have you served in the active United States Military or have you not been in the military?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes: Served in military	17	17
Household member in service	5	4
Household member past service	16	16
No: Neither respondent nor household member in service/has served.....	61	61
(Served in the US Reserves).....	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:MIL1)		

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters
18 - 24	4	5
25 - 29	6	6
30 - 34	7	6
35 - 39	9	9
40 - 44	10	9
45 - 49	10	10
50 - 54	10	10
55 - 59	12	12
60 - 64	9	9
Over 64	22	22
(No answer)	1	2
(ref:AGE)		

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters
Male.....	48	48
Female.....	52	52
(ref:GENDER)		